

Government Railways.

CANTERBURY PARK RACES, FEBRUARY 18, 1892.

In addition to the Ordinary Train, SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and be at Ashfield at 1:15 and 1:45 p.m., respectively, returning immediately after the last race.

Return Fare—Sydney to Ashfield, first-class, 1s, second class, 1s.

The 4.30 p.m. train Sydney to Penrith, the 4.80 p.m. Sydney to Maitland, and 5.17 p.m. train Sydney to Moree Vale, will stop at Ashfield to pick up PASSENGERS if required.

Tickets can be obtained at the Central Booking Office, George-street; Travellers' Office, and Post Office; and at Nos. 3 and 4 Ticket Windows on 3 Platform, Sydney station.

CHEAP EXCURSION SYDNEY TO THE HAWKSBURY RIVER.

On the return day, EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Sydney at 9.30 a.m., and be at Hawkesbury at 10 a.m.; leave Hawkesbury on the return journey at 4.30 p.m., and be at Sydney at 5.15 p.m.

In addition to the above, the S.S. GENERAL GORDON will take passengers for a most enjoyable trip of 30 miles up the Hawkesbury River and back.

The S.S. GENERAL GORDON will make a trip in connection with the unseasoned trains on SUNDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY.

A. M.—Hawkesbury, dep. 7.30 a.m.

Hawkesbury, arr. 10.45 a.m. Syd. 7.30 p.m.

Passengers from Suburban Stations may join the Special Train at Strathfield.

B. M.—Sydney, including the River.

FIRST-CLASS, 1s 6d; SECOND-CLASS, 1s 6d.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. E. M'LAUCHLAN, Secretary.

Sydney, February 18, 1892.

Amusements

INTERNATIONAL TUG-OF-WAR,

CANTERBURY PARK GALLOWAY AND PONY RACES, THIS DAY.

6 Events. 15s Entries.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Box Seats and Manager.

Mr. G. R. INGLIS and Son.

Proprietor and Manager.

Mr. J. W. STADIE.

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THE GREAT PRODUCTION OF GRAND OPERA ever heard in Australia.

TO-NIGHT, and TOMORROW.

Thursday, Feb. 18. Friday, Feb. 19.

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THURSDAY, MONDAY, AND THURSDAY,

Feb. 18, 19, 25. Friday, Feb. 26.

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY,

Feb. 19, 20, 21.

World Grand Opera in 4 acts.

11. BLOGOLETO.

NEWS BY THE MAIL.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 15.

Professor T. P. Anderson Stuart's paper upon the pre-Cathedral, Kensington, on the 11th instant. Nearly 300 of the friends of the deceased gentleman were present, including Lord Ashburnham, Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clarke, Sir Edward Bradson, Mr. W. B. Perceval, and Mr. Samuel Vanley.

Mr. H. C. Hoey was a well-known and popular member of the newspapers in London and in Dublin referred to his death in terms of regret. *The Spectator*, to which he had been a frequent contributor, asserted that "there was a sort of horse-brained humour in the sparkle of his eye when he was roused which remained one of Mr. Stuart's descriptions of the eye of Sir Walter Scott."A few weeks since an article appeared in *The Times* which analysed the provincial, colonial, and income assessment Act of New Zealand, and indicated very distinctly that that act was injurious to the colony in view of its heavy withdrawal of capital which they would inevitably cause. Mr. Westby B. Perceval, the new Agent-General for Western Australia, has addressed a circular to the colony, and has contrived a letter to the *Argus* in which he corrects inaccuracies which he observed, and which indicates, he says, that the writer had only a superficial knowledge of the legislation he condemned. Mr. Perceval at considerable length endeavours to show that in his opinion the University of Sydney, as the oldest of the group, and as fairly representative of all the rest, he defended the intellectual life of the colonies from recent attacks, and declared that the law-abiding law-makers of Australia had, upon their return from the session of Parliament, agreed to make no further reference to the matter, and that it was now left to him to pronounce it to be hard-working and very well-behaved—considering "life would be too tame if all were good." He mentioned that though first-rate men were professed in the United Kingdom, now several of whom were born Australasians, partly or wholly educated in the colonies. Referring to the selection of candidates at home, he indicated that it would be difficult to induce distinguished men to leave their native land for the colonies except for grave reasons; his recommendations were accepted by the Australian authority. Not only so, but good men in Europe would not apply for colonial posts under a system which caused unnecessary suspense and uncertainty to the work. He admitted that there was some truth in the reproach that not very much original work had yet been produced in Australia, but he thought that, considering the circumstances in which the universities had been placed, as much had been done as could reasonably be expected, especially as many government posts were given to men who had given entirely to teaching. He expected that as soon as those who had earned fortunes in Australia stayed there and spent their means there in fostering research. It ought to be recognized that abseentism was pernicious in intellect as in material things. In Australia vast fields of opportunity, in science, mining, botany, entomology, physiology, &c., so there was abundant room for original work. He hoped, on returning to Sydney, to see something done towards the settlement of the question "how far the Australian climate affects the Anglo-Saxon race," by the work of the Royal Society. He had brought over a large collection of specimens, and had exhibited them in favourable occasions with the aid of a magic lantern, explaining their meaning with a running commentary of instructive and interesting remark. He lectured in this fashion at Dumfries recently. In the course of his remarks he defended the most recent attack on the universities, and when they were told that he had been absent for a holiday. Why should they be hard-working and very well-behaved? The speaker was evidently referring to the Royal Society on Deputations.

BY ROCK-BREWERNHA RAILWAY.

Yesterday morning a deputation, which included Messrs. Weddall, Willis, Morgan, Wall, Cass, and Dr. Ross, M.L.A., waited on the Minister of Railways, Mr. G. J. MacLaurin, to present a petition against the proposed railway between Rockport and Brewernha.

Mr. MACLAURIN placed before Mr. Lyon a number of facts which he said justified his opposition to the line.

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PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.—(Continued from Page 4.)

posed till after order of the day No. 2, "Supply, insurance of the committee."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DIBBS said the House had resolved itself as Committee of Supply.

Supplement to schedule B.—Pensions: £730.

Mr. DIBBS said that before they paid that sum it would be necessary to make each member under that heading. He noticed that from 1883 to 1891.

The CHAIRMAN said the items in schedule B were there for the information of hon. members and not for discussion.

Mr. TOWHEY said the House would be in discussion as to what was in the supplement to schedule B, and nothing else.

Mr. DIBBS said that the House would be in discussion with the pensions in schedule B.

Mr. DIBBS said the Estimates included a statement of the whole expenditure of the year, including the sums expressed by special act. The supplement to schedule B alone was subject to consideration by the committee.

Mr. TOWHEY said that the House would take immediate steps to deal with these pensions by law.

Mr. ROSE said it would be very unfair to touch the pensions in the supplement to schedule B. In all cases the sums paid were justified.

Mr. GIBBARD said that he did not think any member would object to the pensions now submitted. If pensions were justifiable at all, they were justifiable in the same proportion.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said there was no intention of challenging any of them.

The item was agreed to.

Mr. DIBBS moved: "That all the items included under the heading of 'Executive and Legislative' be postponed."

The motion was agreed to.

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Mr. HASSALL said that when those increases had been voted, he had voted to pay these increases, had voted against them; but these men never enjoyed those increases to the end.

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Mr. STEVENSON moved the item: "Junior assistant-inspector of railway accounts, for six months, £10 per annum, 2,000," to be reduced by 33 votes to 12.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. ROSE moved: "That the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Expenditure."

The motion was agreed to.

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Mr. TOWHEY said that last year he opposed the increase to this officer, and did so because the colony was sinking into depression. The reasons which actuated him still actuated him now. His would be the same amendment.

Mr. FITZGERALD said he supported the reduction because the services given were inadequate to the salary given.

Mr. DIBBS stoutly opposed the reduction.

This office was undepended, and no attempt had been made to disperse his salary. This was a miserable clause-passing policy.

Mr. TOWHEY opposed the reduction on the ground that the Customs Duties Bill just passed increased the cost of living. Therefore, they must not end down the salaries.

Mr. FITZGERALD said the question they had to consider was whether the country could afford to pay the high salaries.

Mr. DIBBS said he would just as well to discuss the question of the employment of men, and he hoped that if the retrenchment party found that there was a majority in the House against them they would submit quietly. What was wanted was to have a majority in the House.

Mr. TOWHEY said that the Under-Secretary—

he had deviated 34 years of faithful service to the country. He had risen step by step until he had reached the position of Under-Secretary. The office did not work eight hours, but Mr. Critchell Walker put about two years' service into every year.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Put on another man.

Mr. DIBBS: That is who talks like that, the talk of the world which Mr. Critchell Walker has been doing.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN: Still going to grange.

Mr. DIBBS: Some hon. members seem to have got sore heads. If the cap fits the hon. member he must wear it.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN: I'll make your head feel better.

Mr. DIBBS said that when a man devotes his life to the service of the country he is entitled to compensation.

Mr. FITZGERALD said that two years ago he spoke and voted against the increase of salaries. But he would point out that these officers had had these salaries for two years. If they were reduced it would be a vast deal of difference in reducing and in preventing an increase.

Mr. WALKER said that the member who had just raised the point said that they should make a reduction all round, but when the increases were made they were not made all round.

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